Welcome to Term 4

A message from the Acting Principal...

Welcome back. I hope that all of our families had a relaxing break and that students are ready for the sprint to the finish line that is the end of the school year. This term is comparatively short in terms of assessment deadlines. For our Year 12 students, QCE results are determined on their exit results at the end of this term, so it is crucial that they work right up until the last assessment item is completed to ensure they successfully gain their 20 credit points. For the rest of our school, the challenge is to ensure that students make every lesson count so that they can gain the best possible results on their end of year report.

Melbourne Music Trip

We currently have 51 music students on tour in Victoria. They will be performing at a variety of schools in Melbourne while also taking some time out to visit some of Melbourne's best attractions including Phillip Island, the Queen Victoria Markets and will possibly be enjoying a gelato on Lygon Street. It is important we
acknowledge the efforts of the Music Supporters Committee in assisting students by fundraising to support the trip. We hope it is a wonderful cultural experience for everyone involved.

**Powerful Learning Project**

Sandgate District State High School has enrolled in an Education Queensland project called the Powerful Learning Project (PLP). It is a collaboration between Education Queensland, the Myer Foundation and McREL International aimed at creating curious engaged learners, developing teacher performance and increasing consistency between classes. The PLP will be the focus of professional development throughout 2016 with teachers working collaboratively, observing each other teach on a regular basis and providing each other with feedback and improvement strategies.

PLP has a number of Theories of Action which the school will implement over a three year period. The first Theory to be implemented across the school will focus on prioritising high expectations of students along with developing authentic relationships with students. Teachers will also be focussing on harnessing learning intentions within a lesson, providing a narrative to improve student engagement with lessons and ensuring lessons are paced to engage and challenge students. Regular updates on the project will be provided throughout 2016 as teachers work to be their best so that we can continue to improve student performance.

**2016 Enrolments**

Year 7 enrolments for 2016 are nearing capacity. Please contact the school office on 3869 9888 if you still need to book an enrolment interview.

Next week families will receive a statement outlining any outstanding fees, an enrolment details update form, a resource form for 2016 and a stationery list. Students wishing to keep laptops over the Christmas break must pay the laptop fee of $250 before the end of the academic year.

Jim O'Neill | ACTING PRINCIPAL

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**What's On**

12 - 30 October 2015
### Partners in Progress

#### Sandgate DSHS Community Information Sessions

Throughout semester two, Sandgate DSHS will be offering parents the opportunity to be involved in information sessions focusing on some important issues for high school students and their families. Each session will involve a presentation from a member of the Sandgate DSHS staff followed by the opportunity for some questions from the audience. The intention is to provide families with information that will help students become more successful in the future. Attached is the schedule for next semester’s sessions. Parents can R.S.V.P. to PIP@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au to assist with organisation for the sessions.

Prior to each session, the Oval View Café will be open for business offering visitors the opportunity to purchase **CLICK HERE** TO VIEW OUR CAFE IBIS MENU

**CLICK HERE** TO VIEW OUR UNIFORM PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM
coffees, cold drinks and light refreshments while supporting our SEU students. For express service, please add your order to your rsvp.

9.00am – 9:30am         Oval View Cafe will be open for business
9:30am – 9:50am         Presentation in Resource Centre / Library
9:50am – 10:00am         Q&A Session

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Positive Parenting Program - Social Media

Facebook:

Parents and carers of children up to 16 years old can now access the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for free! Learn new skills and build the confidence you need to raise happy, healthy children and teenagers. Find out more and register for free at www.qld.gov.au/triplep

Jim O'Neill | Acting Principal

Senior Schooling News
CLICK HERE for Senior School Careers Information and Opportunities

Judi Robinson | HOD Senior Schooling & Business

Academic Awards Night - Wednesday 4 November

Academic Awards Night Invitation

The Principal
extends an invitation to
Students and Families
to attend the
56th Annual Awards Night
to be held in the
School Performance Hall
on
Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7pm

Jim O’Neill
Acting Principal

2015 Sports Awards Dinner

AOS dinner is fast approaching. Please pay for your tickets at the cash collection office to ensure that you don’t miss out on this wonderful night of celebration.
Win a $200 School Uniform Voucher

Beat the January rush by buying your back-to-school uniforms (either here or at Aspley) before November 30 and go into the draw to win a $200 voucher, redeemable at any Wearitto Smart Clothing Centre.

Terresa Russell | Wearitto Sandgate DSHS
Ski Trip 2016

If your child is interested in attending the 2016 ski trip, please attend the parent information evening this Wednesday 14 October in the school library/resource centre.

Jonathan Hatch | Acting HOD Human Movements
Languages News

Attention all senior students of German and Japanese!

Take advantage of this brilliant opportunity.

I have attended a few Summer Schools for German for Teachers over the years and thoroughly enjoy them. I speak German for the week, meet like-minded people, upgrade my skills and form a whole lot of wonderful friendships. So it is with great pleasure that I can make all language learners aware of Summer School 2016 for students, run at IML (Institute of Modern Languages) at University of Queensland. This is a fantastic opportunity to hone your skills and have the possibility to dramatically improve your academic results.

For dates, enrolment information and costings, see the flyer below.

If you would like more information and an enrolment form please come and see Ms Phillips in C block staffroom.

Simone Phillips | Teacher German / English
The Book Fair is coming!
Sandgate District SHS is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from 2-4 November. This is a great opportunity to help us promote your child’s literacy and interest in reading for pleasure, or to buy a book for Christmas or to reward your child’s achievements. The Book Fair will be held in the Library Resource Centre during the second / lunch break on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will also run the Fair from 3-4pm on Tuesday 3/11, and before the Annual Awards Night from 5.45 to 6.45 on Wednesday 4/11. See our next Newsletter for more details.

Bruce Hoad | Teacher Librarian

Dance Night

Our annual Dance Night is approaching on Friday 6 November at 7pm in the Performance Hall. $7 for adults and $5 for children.

Breeanna Muirden | Dance Teacher

Music News

Connections Concert

This concert, for invited aged/respite care, was held on Thursday October 8th.

The 45 minutes concert showcased our performing arts students. Afterwards, lunch was provided due to the financial support of Stirling Hinchcliffe (Sandgate MP), Jarred Cassidy (Brisbane City Council) and the Music Supporters Group.
On Tour

This week 51 of our musicians are representing our school as we travel around the Melbourne area. Fingers crossed for great weather.

NB: No Choir, Instrumental or Guitar Lessons next week.
Showcase

This is our most important concert of the year. Come and see how much your child has improved. It would be wonderful to give our students a large enthusiastic audience, so please come along.

Sandgate District State High School
Music Department

Parents, Family and Friends
are invited to our
Annual Showcase Concert
to be held in the
School Performance Hall
Friday 23rd October 2015 at 7.00pm
Featuring performances by
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Concert Band
Stage Band
Junior Stage Band
String Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble
Choir

Entry by Gold Coin donation

Debra O'Shea | Music Teacher
School Based Youth Health Nurse News

Safety for Teens

Despite what we hear about from the media, mostly our world in Australia is very safe. Every day people are able to walk safely down the road, be alone at home, go to the beach with friends and walk with friends after dark without being a victim of personal violence. You are at much more danger of hurting yourself seriously by falling over! Very few people are at danger from a 'home invader'. Mostly when people are the victim of personal violence it is from someone they know.

However houses get broken into, date rape does occur, road accidents happen, and sometimes people are hurt by strangers.

Many people are anxious about being alone at night, walking somewhere after dark, driving in a car by themselves. There are things that you can do to keep yourself safer, and to feel safer.

Think safe - be aware that there are people who are not as nice as they may seem.

Think smart - organise so that you have what you need.

Think ahead - plan carefully so that you can deal with emergency situations.

Think first - before you act in such a way that you could put yourself in danger.

Some easy to remember tips are outlined below:

- Thinking safe when you are out
- If you thought about all the 'What ifs?' you wouldn't get out of bed in the morning!
- All of life is taking a risk but you can minimize risks by thinking 'safe'.
- Make sure that someone knows where you are going and what time you will return.
- Walk on busy streets if you are alone and walk with friends at night.
- Walk on the side of the road where you face oncoming traffic.
- Wear something light coloured or reflective if you are walking at night.
- If wearing headphones, keep the volume down so that you can hear what is happening around you.
- Carry a mobile phone, a phone card or enough money to make a call so that you can get help if you need it.
- Have your house or car key ready in your hand before you need it so that you don't have to stand around looking for it.
- Keep your money, phone, camera or headphones out of sight. Don't carry valuable things unless you really have to.
- Make sure you and your friends look after each other, like walking each other home or having a
  designated driver to get you safely home.
- Avoid places where you think that there could be a danger – dark streets near a pub or nightclubs may
  not be a good idea.
- You are much more likely to be hurt in a car accident than be hurt by a stranger on the road. So cross
  roads carefully, drive safely and never get into a car when the driver has been drinking.
- Plan ahead so that if you could be unsafe you know what you can do.

Mandy Trempus  |  School Based Youth Health Nurse

Absentee Phone Line  3869 9802

Sandgate District State High School has established a phone line to report student absenteeism. Please phone
3869 9802 directly to advise the school that your child will absent.

You will be directed to a message bank, please leave a message ensuring you clearly state the students name,
year level, reason for absence, dates absent and your relationship to the student.

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We are excited to introduce you to our interactive, graphically rich, full colour, professional electronic newsletter.

To receive this service you will need a computer with internet access and email.

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please use the link below to add your contact details.


This link is also available on our School Website at www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

Paper copies are available for collection (each fortnight) from the student foyer, for families who do not have
access to the internet.

Sandgate DSHS Online Communities

In 2012, Sandgate DSHS launched into the 21st Century and set up official Facebook and Twitter accounts.
Regular updates from the school calendar and messages about upcoming events are fed into the social
network. Direct links to the official Sandgate High Twitter and Facebook pages can be accessed through the
school's website (https://sanddistshs.eq.edu.au/). Alternatively, please click on the links below to access the
portals.
Community Notices

Croquet Club Charity Day
EILDON CROQUET CLUB
WOODY POINT CHARITY DAY SUNDAY
25th October 2015
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Proceeds to
Give a Child a Chance

Play 6 Hoops $2 per adult/child
Tea/Coffee/Cordial & Biscuits $2 per adult/child
Raffle Tickets $2 each

Families Welcome
Eildon Croquet Club
Cnr Hornibrook Esp & Oxley Ave, Woody Point
Phone: 07-3283-2924

Sunday Markets at Sandgate District State High School